

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
March 6, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, and Heather Wing. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Luella Dennison, Doug VanderLaan, Dep. Steve Pitsch, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Larry Bass, Ron King, Joyce Snow, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Bob Vanderboegh, Jim Dull, Tammy Berdecia, Dar Leaf, Carol Price, Cliff and Kathy Ward, John Resseguie, Don Haney, Gary White, Olivia and Errin Wing.

Chair Geiger called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gary White commented on the elected officials' recent raises and expressed concern that raises were given to the elected officials while there were still unresolved issues with the Commission on Aging, Jail and Charlton Park facilities.

DON HANEY – Presentation of Article Published in the Healthcare Financial Management Association's Monthly Magazine Highlighting Thornapple Manor

JIM DULL - 1) Assessment Roll for Crystal Lake Inlet Pond Dredging Project

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for approval of the attached assessment roll for the Crystal Lake Inlet Pond – Dredging project. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Tracked Loader Purchase

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization to spend over \$5,000 on a tracked loader, with funds to be paid from the drain Fund, and to authorize the sale of the Gator, pending an updated proposal with new versus used equipment, summary of costs and accounts, and a rough draft of capital improvement. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recess at 10:00 a.m. Resume meeting at 10:10 a.m. with all commissioners present.

COMMISSIONER CONNER – TOST Resolution

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to take from the table the recommendation to adopt resolution 17-25. Discussion. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker and Wing. Nays: Smelker. Motion carried.

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson, to substitute resolution 17-25 with the item identified as resolution 18-05, titled a resolution to approve and concur with actions to repeal the TOST Regulation in Barry County and Eaton County. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wing, seconded by Parker, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adoption of resolution 18-05, a resolution to approve and concur with actions to repeal the TOST Regulation in Barry County and Eaton County. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Enrietti invited the public to attend the Barry County Tea Party meeting on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Barry 911. He also commented on becoming an informed voter by attending township meetings, as well as other meetings in the county. He also commended the commissioners for their work on the TOST repeal.
- Carol Price thanked the commissioners on her behalf, as well as on behalf of her husband, Bob Price, for their work on TOST.
- John Resseguie thanked the commissioners for their work on the TOST repeal. He also commented on Jim Dull's request for the purchase of a track loader.
- Dar Leaf encouraged the commissioners to read the book, "Countering Mass Shooter Threats".
- Joyce Snow stated that she has read the book that Dar suggested, and she also thanked the Compensation Commission for doing a good job.
- Bob Vanderboegh thanked the Health Board members and Commissioners for their work on TOST. He also thanked Jim Dull for his work as the Drain Commissioner.
- Larry Bass thanked the Compensation Commission for their work on the committee, and he also complemented the Board of Commissioners for their work in repealing TOST.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Discussion. Commissioner Smelker asked Dar Leaf to comment on our Corrections Department. Upon a jail inspection by the State, they were 100% in compliance. Commissioner Gibson asked if Sheriff Leaf could update the commissioners about the Hastings Area Schools bomb threat yesterday, to which he referred the question to the Hastings Police or school superintendent for that information.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 3/13/2018 PPalmer
Date and Initial